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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A mobile containerized autopsy facility for use in distant contamination zones, comprising at least one enclosure which includes at least one seamless and sealable compartment, which compartment meets biohazard safety level 3 and 4 requirements.
2. (Original) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the facility is in the form of a standard cargo container.
3. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the facility comprises an exterior housing in the form of the container and having an internal enclosure therein which contains the one compartment or more compartments.
4. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the internal air of the compartment or each compartment is present in a negative air pressure relative to the external environment surrounding the facility.
5. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 4, wherein the internal air is

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treated by filtration and/or scrubbing prior to discharge to the external environment.

6. (Previously presented) A mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the compartments is an autopsy room.

7. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 6, wherein the autopsy room further comprises a down draft work station comprising a ventilated autopsy dissection table, wherein a down draft of exhaust air is provided to draw fumes and airborne organisms away from ~~the a~~ source and away from ~~the~~ at least one operator(s).

8. (Original) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 7, wherein the autopsy room further comprises a ventilated mobile autopsy trolley with a body tray to work in conjunction with the ventilated autopsy dissection table.

9. (Original) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 8, wherein the ventilated mobile autopsy trolley includes a perforated tray at the lower portion for the placement of instruments and samples to be carried in and out of the autopsy room.

10. (Previously presented) A mobile containerized autopsy facility for use in distant contamination zones according to

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claim 1, wherein there is a second compartment that comprises at least one decontamination room.

11. (Currently amended) A mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 10, wherein the at least one decontamination room provides for either or both pre-operative decontamination or post-operative decontamination.

12. (Original) A mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 11, wherein the pre-operative decontamination room functions as a change room.

13. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 11, wherein the decontamination room or each decontamination room further comprises a chemical decontamination shower system.

14. (Previously presented) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 11, wherein the said post-operative decontamination room includes provision for bodies or body parts after examination and discarded protective suits of the autopsy practitioners wherein said bodies or body parts and said suits are placed in double bags for subsequent disposal.

15. (Previously presented) A mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein one of the compartments is an air filtration room.

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16. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the compartment or each compartment is sealable by one or more gas tight doors.

17. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 16, wherein the door or each door is operable independently of the at least one other door to ensure maintenance of negative pressure there-between and within the compartment.

18. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the facility further comprises connections adapted for receiving the external supply for one or more systems selected from the group consisting of a ventilation system, a plumbing system, an electrical supply system, an air-conditioning system, and and/or a waste discharge system.

19. (Original) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 18, wherein said connections comprise quick de-coupling systems.

20. (Currently amended) The mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 18, wherein the external supply of said ventilation, plumbing, electricity, air-conditioning and/or waste discharge system is located in at least one second enclosure adapted for providing said supply to the facility.

21-39. (Canceled)